(b) if so, what is the number of such units and the number of workmen thrown out of employment as a result thereof; and

(c) what remedial measures have been initiated by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No such information has been brought to the notice of the Government. However, there has been a marginal decline in TV production due to slackness in demand which has affected the units producing components and ancillary items for TV.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Foreign coach for Indian Hockey Team

385. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to invite a foreign coach to train the Indian Hockey team for the Beijing Asian Games; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) While Government is favourably inclined to consider the possibility of engaging a foreign coach to train the Indian hockey team for the Beijing Games, no concrete proposal has yet been received from the Indian Hockey Federation.

Extinction of black buck

386. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether black buck in the country is facing extinction; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to preserve the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The following steps have been taken to preserve the black buck:—

(i) Black buck has been included in Schedule—I to the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, thus giving it maximum protection under law.

(ii) National Parks and wildlife sanctuaries and closed areas have been established under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 to afford protection to the black buck and its habitat.

(iii) Trade and commerce of black buck and products derived therefrom, is prohibited.

(iv) Centrally sponsored schemes have been launched for the protection and development of national parks and sanctuaries, including those with black bucks, and for control of poaching and illegal trade in wildlife.

(v) A Centrally sponsored scheme for engendering public awareness and involvement in nature conservation including the preservation of species like black buck has been initiated.

Threat from space Junk to Indian Satellites

387. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Indian Express dated the 10th April, 1990 under the caption 'space junk threat to astronauts', if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have taken up the matter with USA and USSR to take steps to clear this junk which can be a threat to the satellites propose to be launched by India;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Yes, Sir. The news item in Indian Express (New Delhi) dated 10th April 1990, referred to in the question, dealt mainly with studies presently being undertaken in the United States on the possible risks of collision of space debris with the space station being built in America, the consequent threat to the astronauts working in space or in the space station, and on the possible system that could be incorporated in the space station to avoid such collision. Similar studies are also being carried out by the Indan Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

(b) and (c) Since the probability of collision, as of now is very low, there is negligible risk to the proposed launch of Indian Satellites and hence the question does not arise.

(d) This issue is not merely a bilateral issue between India and the United States of America (USA) or the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR). It concerns the entire outerspace, which is an international territory and concerns all Nations. India has raised the issue of space debris in the United Nations Committee on Peaceful Uses of Outerspace (UNCOPUOS), which is concerned with the study on international matters related to the use of outerspace for peaceful purposes and evolution of appropriate technical measures of removal of debris and international legal norms in this field.

Renovation/repair of religious places by Archaeological Survey of India

388. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the amount of money spent by the Archaeological Survey of India for the renovation/repair of (i) mosques (ii) temples (iii) Gurudwaras (iv) Churches and similar places of worship of different relgions and sects in Delhi and other parts of the country during the last two months and what are the names of those places of worship; and

(b) what is the amount of money proposed to be spent for renovation/repair of the above mentioned places of worship in the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) protects, conserves and preserves the ancient monuments, sites and remains of national importance on the basis of their outstanding archaeological, historical and artistic merits and not on the basis of their religious affiliations. Besides, in many cases, monuments of secular and religious character form an integral complex and funds are not allotted on the basis of religious character. As such the figures of expenditure on the lines asked for cannot be worked out. The allocation of funds for the maintenance, conservation and preservation of the ancient monuments, sites and remains for the year 1990-91 is Rs. 818.00 lakhs.

Adoption of Pollution control measures by Vehicles in Delhi

389. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the vehicles in Delhi are required to adopt any measures to check air pollution caused by the emission of smoke;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the percentage of vehicles which have adopted these measures so far; and